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## Westminster Neighborhood Services Begins Capital Campaigns as Services Expand

Westminster Neighborhood Service currently has two separate campaigns. The first is a long-term capital campaign that is rolling forward and will be funded. It is in excess of \$19 million and plays a huge part in the facilities that Westminster will utilize to provide its services. This fund is going to be secured and should be completed over the roadmap of the campaign.

The part where we need **YOU**...and your support, is the Annual Campaign. Westminster requires \$800,000 funding each year in order to remain operational. This will be accomplished through not only church, not-for-profit and business donations, but also personal donations. We all give to Westminster through CPC, but more is needed. You may have been sent a letter requesting for donations directly from Westminster. They know you are part of CPC but do not know if you have ever given through CPC as there is no way to track that information. Perhaps you can send extra directly to Westminster.

There are forms for donations at the sign-in table immediately outside the sanctuary. Also, there is an additional form for a golf-outing coming up sponsored by Meyer-Najem Construction. Karl Meyer is on the WNS Board and has spent a great deal of time supporting the ministry. They have indicated that any fees generated from a 4-some, sponsorships, etc. that comes directly from those support Westminster will be donated to Westminster directly.

If you have any questions please ask Scott Perez. 317.488.8888 or [scott@arxtheon.com](mailto:scott@arxtheon.com). Thank you.

# July Birthdays



- Mary Alice Beaumont 7/1
- Jamie Strebing 7/1
- Jordan Williams 7/1
- Roy Bilyou 7/4
- Elizabeth Storey 7/4
- Karyl Sprague 7/5
- Kyle Floetker 7/6
- Scott Perez 7/10
- Jessica King 7/11
- Ellen Gill 7/14
- Doug Krueger 7/17
- Carrie Bilyou 7/19
- Linda Abdon 7/22
- Leanne Abramo 7/24
- Ed Brown 7/25
- Mistie Timmons 7/26
- Greg King 7/27



Have you visited the website recently? It changes every Thursday! If you want to update your personal information, see the bulletin for the service, or check the calendar for the month, you can do it all on the web site.

# Remember In Prayers



## At Home:

Karen Angellotti  
Ron Fleshood

## **Clara Nicholson**

@ Mill Run Assisted Living,  
Columbus, OH

## **Ann McFate**

@ Berkshire of Castleton,  
Indpls., IN

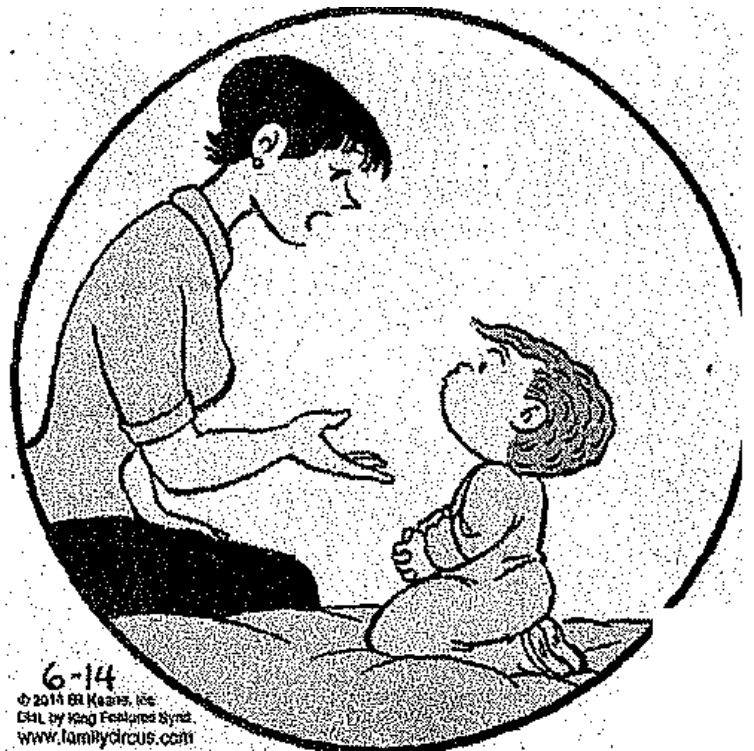
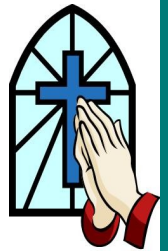
## **Clint Venable**

@ Bickford Senior Living,  
Greenwood, IN

## In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:

## **Myrtle Fields**

@ Clearwater Commons



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"God **WILL** answer all our prayers.  
But you never know if it's gonna be a  
'yes' or a 'no'.

### New Address for Roy Bilyou

**Address:** 17402  
Spur Bell Lane;  
Marana, AZ 85653

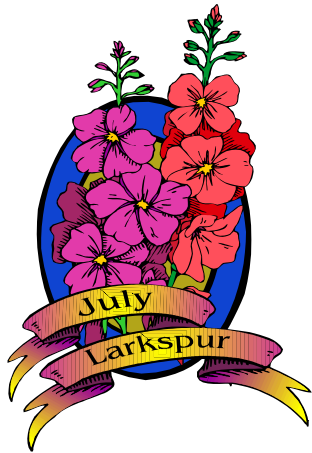
**Phone:** remains the  
same 812-498-7542



### New Address for Roy Levin

**Address:** 1675 Old Mission Cove;  
Indianapolis, IN  
46280

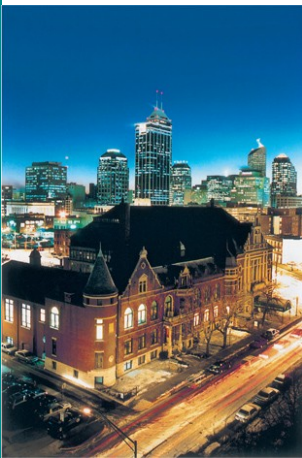
**Phone:** Home: 317  
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-209-6478



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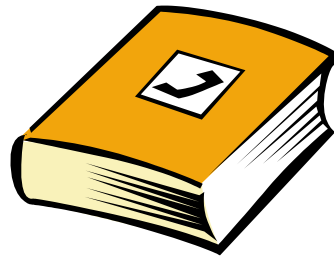


### PW Activity for ALL CPC Women planned for July!



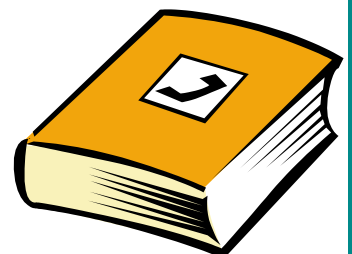
On July 17th, we will take a tour of the Athenaeum, followed by lunch at the Rathskeller. We will meet at the church to carpool at 10:00.

The tour begins at 11:00 with a cost of \$3. After the tour, we will dine at the Rathskeller restaurant before returning to CPC. Sign up in the narthex.



### New Directory is available in the Narthex

If you need to update information (address, phone, emails, birthday, anniversary, picture) please notify the office at [office@christpresby.org](mailto:office@christpresby.org) and we will publish updates until the next directory is published.





The 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (2014)  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
 June 14 – 21, Detroit, Michigan  
 A Brief Summary

**Election of the Moderator:** Ruling Elder Heath Rada from North Carolina was elected the Moderator of the General Assembly on the first ballot with 52% of the votes from a field of three candidates. He has served as President of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond and the CEO of the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross. As his Vice-Moderator he selected the Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia, pastor of Church of Forest Hills, a multicultural, multiethnic congregation in Queens, New York. Historically, election of a Moderator on the first ballot is not common; the last Moderator elected on the first ballot was the Rev. Jack Rogers who served as the Moderator of the 213<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2001).

**Mid Councils Commission 2 – Synod and Presbytery action:** The 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly established a Special Commission to study the structure of the denomination and make recommendations. The Commission's report to the last Assembly was sent back for further work by a somewhat restructured Commission. This year the Commission brought a recommendation to reorganize the current 16 synods into eight in a collaborative process based on "an emerging sense of purpose, partnership, context, and call." The Assembly increased the number to 10-12 new synods and the Sinodo Presbiteriano Boriquen en Puerto Rico (Synod of Puerto Rico) successfully overtured to remain as is based on its cultural and geographic setting. In related business the Assembly granted the request of the Synod of Southern California and Hawai'i that Hanmi Presbytery be dissolved and the churches transferred to the corresponding geographic presbyteries. Hanmi did present an overture asking for a delay in the dissolution.

**Divestment: Middle East and Fossil Fuels:** Once again, the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee (MRTI) brought a recommendation to divest from three companies whose business dealings with Israel help support the Palestinian occupation: Motorola Solutions, Caterpillar and Hewlett-Packard. After intense advocacy by outside groups before and during the Assembly, and impassioned testimony and debate in committee and on the floor the Assembly voted 310 to 303 to support divestment. There were also numerous statements of support for both Israel and Palestine and a reaffirmation of the commitment to a two-state solution. In partial response to a controversial study guide issued by a PC(USA)-affiliated advocacy group earlier this year the Assembly added a first point to the resolution that reaffirmed Israel's right to exist.

The other matter was an overture to divest from companies that appear on the Carbon Tracker fossil fuel company list. The Assembly chose instead to refer the matter to MRTI for their study and recommendation.

It is worth noting that one of the financial officers of the Board of Pensions explained to the Assembly that most of their assets are placed with private investment advisers and when they receive the divestment instructions they do not have to divest but can keep any current holdings but will not acquire any more listed stocks.

**Marriage:** The Assembly took three actions related to Marriage regarding the PC(USA) Book of Order. They approved an Authoritative Interpretation permitting pastors to conduct marriage services, and the session may approve the use of facilities for such services, for any marriage in jurisdictions where they are permitted and in accordance with the conscience of the pastor and session. They approved a rewrite of W-4.9000, the section on marriage that, among other things now says marriage is between "two persons, traditionally a man and a woman." Finally, they directed that a consultation process with presbyteries and churches be developed to promote reconciliation associated with these changes as the vote on the Book of Order amendment goes forward.

**Other actions:** The new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism was affirmed and the Belhar Confession will again be sent to the presbyteries for a 2/3 approval to be added to the Book of Confessions. Modifications were made to the Peacemaking Offering and it will be renamed the Peace and Global Witness Offering. A statement was issued about the need for due process regarding weaponized drones. The 248 New Worshiping Communities were celebrated. Mandatory background checks are urged when hiring pastors but it was decided not to add it as a requirement of the call process in the Book of Order. *Per capita* rate was set at \$7.07 for 2015 and \$7.12 for 2016.

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# Christmas in July and Westminster

Get ready for the Deacons' month-long "Christmas in July" celebration events. **EVENTS?** Yes, events! Watch the Sunday bulletin for all the details. Want some hints?

- 1) practice singing;
- 2) do NOT wear your winter coat to church;
- 3) expect a visit from "you know who;" and
- 4) keep the spirit of Christmas in your heart.

All for the benefit of Westminster Ministries **BEFORE** the Season begins.

We'll be celebrating July Christmas at worship service on **Sunday, July 27!**

The Christmas Basket program is an important initiative of Westminster's ministry, providing for the physical needs of the whole family through food and clothing, as well as providing a supportive community during a season that is often filled with blessings—but for many, stress and sadness.

Some 220 families had a merrier Christmas in 2013 because of Westminster's Christmas Basket program. On December 21, families in the Westminster neighborhood received Christmas dinner fixings, groceries for two weeks, hygiene items, socks, underwear, gloves and warm hats. A giving-tree, new

to the program this year, enabled churches and local organizations to purchase gifts from 193 children's specific requests.

## *How does the Christmas Basket program make a difference?*

After Rusty Swam, a previous WNM Food Pantry client, got a job, he was able to support himself and his family without WNM's assistance. However, when his company closed without notice before Halloween, Rusty signed up for WNM's Christmas Basket Program. He was worried not only about providing the basic necessities for his family, but also for the anticipated hopes his 4-year-old son would have for the holiday.

Westminster could not provide this life-giving ministry without the help of in-kind and monetary donations, as well as the time donated by its faithful volunteers.



**Christmas  
Baskets**  
*for*  
**Westminster  
Ministries**

## Zachary DeSimone's Confirmation

On Sunday, June 22, 2014 Zach DeSimone's eight week journey through confirmation studies, culminated in his becoming a member of Christ Presbyterian Church.

Pictured below is the ceremony during the service — his mentor, Bill Wheeler offered a scripture reading that related to Zach's interest in running. Pastor Nancy is asking the four questions and then welcomed him into our congregation.

During fellowship following service, everyone in attendance had an opportunity to congratulate Zach and enjoy cake.



# July 2014

July 2014							August 2014						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
							31						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5
		1:00pm 3:00pm Needlecrafters (MP Room)			Independence Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Troop 88 at Summer Camp (Ramsburg Reservation)			8:30am 10:00am Men of Christ (Church or Lincoln Square)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		12:00pm 1:30pm Stewardship Commission (Grill 2)				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	7:00pm 8:30pm Troop 88 (MP Room)					
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
10:00am 12:30pm Christmas in July (Sponsored by the Deacons)	7:00pm 8:30pm Troop 88 (MP Room)					

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*Mistie Timmons and the CE Commission wish to thank the following for making our VBS—Workshop of Wonders a huge success:*

*Jamie Strebing, Becky Floetker, Karmen Krueger, Megan Romero, Carol Fleshood, Nancy & Roger Howard, Ann McFate, Bill & Arlene Wheeler, Ross & Beth King, Hannah & Sarah Strebing, Gabrielle Grelle.*

Christ Presbyterian Church wants God to be a vital part of our lives as we reach out to our community and we embrace the following Vision Statement:

**We believe that God is calling us to be the open arms, the healing hands, and the loving hearts of the body of Christ in our community.**



### Newsletter Articles needed

*The Courier* is only helpful if events and plans are submitted to the church office to be included. If your commission, or group is planning an activity and would like it broadcast to the membership via the newsletter — please submit articles (pictures too if you have them) to [office@christpresby.org](mailto:office@christpresby.org) by the last Monday of the month.

**Next deadline is Monday, July 28.**

